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The scene is typical, and is laid in a roughly improvised hospital within a bomb-proof shelter. The Sisters of Mercy have shown extraordinary devotion in the present campaign, and no fewer than six of them lost their lives in the battle of Mukden. Among the Medical Staff generally, mortality and sickness have wrought fierce havoc, and the plight of the wounded was rendered thereby more miserable. No hospital, even the roughest, is without its symbols of religion. Note above the dying man's head the ikon or sacred picture, fixed according to the invariable Russian custom in the corner of the room, and lighted, owing to the exigencies of war, by one guttering candle instead of the glass lamp, hung on chains, which is usually employed.—Illustrated London News.



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AQUARIUM EELS HAVE
A DAY TO SHOW OFF

You would never suspect, seeing them lying coiled and gasping in their glass house, that there was vanity in eels. Eels, indeed, have nothing to be vain about. They are just eels, and most atrociously ugly when they are not vicious-looking. And, most times, they seem to realize their own unattractiveness, and to desire nothing so much as to hide in holes under the rocks, blinking their little beady eyes at you and hating themselves because they are eels.

Well, yesterday, it was different. There was a big crowd at the Aquarium, and while all the fishes were as sportive as possible, the eels were really the whole thing. The big mauve-colored fellow swam about and about behind the glass of the eel mansion, fluttering as he swam like a yard of very broad and very satiny ribbon. It would have been handsome—if it had not been an eel. And the atrociously ugly green one, with a head like a viper, and fangs like one, too, squirmed in and out among the rocks in the basement, snapping his horrid jaws, and even the spotted and particularly snaky looking ones that usually lie coiled all day, as though waiting to be stepped upon that they may bite, were on view, showing out their length and coiling and uncoiling before the crowds that came and went constantly. And if all that wasn't vanity, what was it?

To be sure, some of the activity may have been due to the presence in the tank of a youngster of the mauve variety, who seemed possessed of the exuberance of youth—and the devilishness of an eel. Anyway, that little one amused itself by sneaking up behind the big fellows, one after the other, and biting their tails, which may have accounted for the activity. Possibly that young eel was sent as a special dispensation of Providence, to make the others forget they were eels, for the moment, in frantic endeavor to get out of the way. However, it was more likely the eels were just showing off. If that little chap had really been annoying them, any one of the lot could have turned around and bitten it into two pieces.

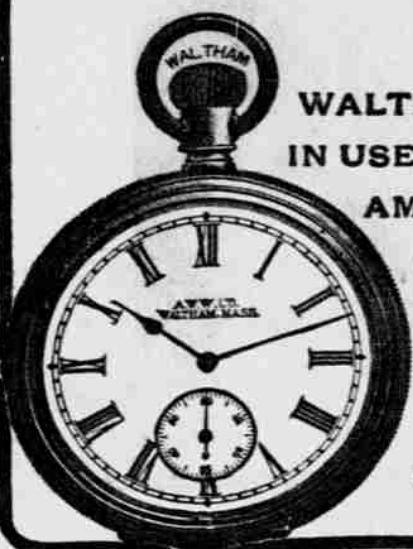
The little shark is dead. It is a very sad thing, but true. Somehow, there seems to be a hoodoo on the Aquarium sharks. Big and little, they all die—and it doesn't seem to make any difference whether they eat or whether they do not. However, the Aquarium people are hopeful, and so they will try again as soon as the subsidized Jap brings in another.

There were spits of rain in the sunshine at the beach yesterday but that did not mar a perfect day. It rather emphasized its perfection. And the waves sparkled, and the band played, and there was a big crowd gathered under the trees and many visitors to the various resorts.

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A substitute for cream may be made by beating the white of an egg with a teaspoonful of sugar and a very little water. Put it into the cups before the coffee is poured into them.

To clean a painted floor use weak soapuds put on with a mop and then carefully washed off with clear water. Unpainted floors are whitened by the use of fuller's earth and scouring sand made into a paste and rubbed into the boards. This paste should be washed off with lukewarm water. A quarter of a pound of pearlash in a pint of hot water will remove grease spots. They must be well scrubbed with the pearlash and water.

To keep out moths wash crevices with a half pound of alum dissolved in boiling water. Powdered alum should be sprinkled about wherever it is suspected that the moths will make their appearance. The winter's superfluous bed clothing, particularly the blankets, ought to be wrapped in newspapers and put away in tight boxes or drawers in which borax and camphor have been sprinkled. Red or black pepper, sandalwood—any odoriferous substance—is offensive to the insects.

HEALTH HINTS.

Fruit should be a large portion of one's breakfast.

Hardwood floors and rugs are better than carpet on sleeping floors.

Hot water cools and cleanses, cold water "firms," and massage irons away ugly facial lines. But have a care how and where you rub or you will create lines.

After bathing in the surf the lips are often blue. The heart is in revolt. Take a few breathing exercises and then watch your lips freshen toward red.

Women should take five minutes a day from work and lie flat on the back, all muscles relaxed, with eyes closed. This will be found a wonderful preserver of health, beauty and strength.

The bath is a semi-religious observance during torrid weather. Those who must bathe in a thimble of water, so to speak, should spend a long time in rubbing the body gently with a coarse towel afterward.

If you feel restless keep the fact to yourself. Avoid rocking chairs when you are entertaining or are being entertained. Don't fidget your feet, thrust them forward, or call attention to them by crossing and uncrossing them. One expects boys to go through a hobbledohoy stage when they don't seem to know quite what to do with their limbs, but in a girl that sort of thing is intolerable.

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